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Terre Haute City Council 17 Harding Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47807 Union Hospital Board 1606 N. 7tth Street Terre Haute, IN 47804

Dear Council and Board Members:

In mid-November, my daughter Jennifer delivered twins at the Maternity Unit of Union Hospital (located in the "old hospital, whose entrance fronts the intersection of 6 ½ Street and 8th Avenue). During the four days that she was in the hospital, I was a frequent visitor in the hours before my workday at ISU (6:00–7:30 AM) and after, often extending into the evening (6:00–10:00 PM).

Since I usually visited my daughter in non-daylight hours, I experienced the walk from the parking lot across the street (south-east corner parking by the medical building) to the Hospital entrance in the dark. The lighting in the parking lot and the lights at the Hospital entrance were fine. However, the street area is *very badly* lit; in fact, it isn't lit by a street light at all.

I navigate well and am not frightened to be out alone at night, but I can imagine that making the trek from the parking lot to the Hospital in the near-dark could be very disquieting for many people. And because visibility is so bad, it's difficult to tell where the curb-cuts are, which, I suspect, creates a safety hazard.

I bring this matter to your attention as a concerned citizen and hope that you will address this issue by installing sufficient lighting to ensure the safety and security of people who must visit the "old" hospital in the early morning or evening.

Sincerely,

Robert Perrin